

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richardson

Application No. Unassigned

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For: A METHOD OF RECORDING THE
TEMPERATURE OF PERISHABLE
PRODUCTS IN COLD CHAIN
DISTRIBUTION

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace all previous versions of the pending claims with:

1. (Amended) A method of monitoring a consignment of goods including the following steps:

measuring a predetermined parameter or parameters of said consignment using a disposable sender device attachable to said consignment;

transmitting a signal containing data representative of said measured parameter to a central location;

maintaining a database relating to said consignment at said central location, said database including said data representative of said measured parameters;

initializing said database to include consignment data for each consignment; and

providing secure communication access to said database to enable monitoring by enabled users of data available from said database.

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